PATENT Attorney Docket No. 03806.0448

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Joël CROUZET et al.

Serial No.: 09/369,883

Filed: August 9, 1999

For: FORMULATION OF

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AGENT(S)/NUCLEIC
ACID PARTICLES

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Unassigned

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

[] Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [ ] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[ ] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining After<br>Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate    | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Total   | 49                                  | - | 38                                | 11               | x \$ 18 | \$198.00          |
| Indep.  | 1                                   | - | 2                                 | 0                | x \$ 78 |                   |
| [ ] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$260 |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         |                   |
| Subtotal  |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | \$198.00          |
| Reduction by ½ if small entity                          |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | -                 |
| TOTAL   |                                     |   |                                   |                  |         | \$198.00          |

- [X] A fee of \$198.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- [X] A check for \$198.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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